

Hello... I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in private practice. I am writing regarding my ability to bill for services to those with Medicaid in Illinois. I am requesting that you vote to establish a rules process for PA 95-518, the social work Medicaid reimbursement law, which will enable behavioral health services to be more readily available on a community level. Public Act 95-518 authorizes (but does not mandate) reimbursement to LCSWs for Medicaid-eligible services in all settings, but to date the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has chosen not to implement the Act.

I get calls every week from people with Medicaid and I have to turn them away (to other possible service providers). I worked in the not-for-profit setting for many years and have a heart for the under-resourced population. I would love to be able to help them, but my hands are tied until these rules are established. I am a Give An Hour volunteer for people in the military and their families, so I am willing to help without payment, but I do provide services as a way to make a living so it would certainly help if the Act was put into action.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and accept my input.

Sincerely,

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